

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase with a discontinuous phase distributed therein, said discontinuous phase comprising 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition, of hydrocolloid composition comprising an uncomplexed cyclodextrin and a hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin.

Claim 2 (original): An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 5 wt % based on the total composition.

Claim 3 (original): An adhesive composition according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 10 wt % based on the total composition.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase comprises up to 50 wt. % of polyisobutylene as a major component.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase contains up to 15 wt.% of a rubbery copolymer of styrene or a substituted styrene as a major component.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 1 further comprising an active ingredient.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A medical or surgical appliance comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to claim 1.

Claim 11 (original): An appliance according to claim 10 in the form of a wound dressing.

Claim 12 (original): An appliance according to claim 10 which comprises a skin barrier.

Claim 13 (original): An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of an ostomy appliance.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): An appliance according to claim 10 wherein the substrate includes a backing comprising non-adhesive waterproof film.

Claims 16-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 1, wherein said hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin is selected from the group consisting of pectins, guar gum, locust bean gum, karaya gum, carageenan, tragacanth gum, alginates, carboxymethyl cellulose, gelatin, hyaluronic acid, chitosan salts, and DEAE dextrin.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase with a discontinuous phase distributed therein, said discontinuous phase comprising 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition, of a hydrocolloid composition consisting essentially of a cyclodextrin and a hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A medical or surgical appliance in the form of a wound dressing or an ostomy device, comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to claim 22.